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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
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INFO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: SWEDISH INFORMATION RELATING TO NARCOTICS SITUATION IN LAOS

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1. AS NOTED PARA 6 REFTTEL, THE SWEDES DURING THEIR FEBRUARY 28 VISIT TO EMBASSY VIENTIANE HAD INFORMATION RELATING TO HEROIN PRODUCTION IN VIENTIANE REGARDING WHICH THEY SOUGHT EMBASSY VIENTIANE CONFIRMATION.
2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE SWEDES HAVE INFORMATION APPARENTLY OBTAINED IN BANGKOK RELATING TO AN ALLEGED OPERATION IN WHICH BANGKOK-BASED DEA AGENTS WOULD MEET AND NEGOTIATE A PURCHASE OF NARCOTICS FROM A CARAVAN OPERATING UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE LPDR. THIS OPERATION WAS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BY THE SWEDES IN SURROUNDINGS EASILY SUSCEPTIBLE TO LPDR AND OTHER HOSTILE SURVEILLANCE AND/OR MONITORING.

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3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR OBERG HAD ADVISED STOCKHOLM TO BE WARY OF ASSOCIATION WITH ANY AMERICAN INVESTIGATION WHICH COULD IMPLICATE THE LPDR IN ILLICIT NARCOTICS ACTIVITY.
4. COMMENT: EMBASSY VIENTIANE IS UNAWARE OF ANY DEA OPERATION SUCH AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 2. WE PRESUME THAT

ANY FOLLOW-UP ACTION AFFECTING U.S. -LAO RELATIONS WILL
BE CAREFULLY COORDINATED WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND
EMBASSY VIENTIANE.

5. THE CONTENT OF THIS REPORT SHOULD BE TREATED AS
EXTREMELY SENSITIVE SINCE ANY INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN COULD EASILY BE TRACED TO OUR SOURCE CAUSING
THIS SOURCE VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS.
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